Light from the Ancient Past. The Archeological Background of the Hebrew-Christian Religion. By JACK FINEGAN. xxxvii and 638 pages, with 204 illustrations, six maps, four plans, general index and index of scriptural references. Cloth. Princeton University Press. Princeton, N. J. 1959. Price \$10.00.

This book is a beautiful and useful work, and one which should be of interest to all students of social and psychological science. It is a revised edition of a scholarly and competent popular survey, first published in 1946, of the ancient world of long-vanished empires and peoples in which Judaism and Christianity were born. The author is a graduate in theology of the University of Berlin and is now a Protestant minister in California. His survey is nontheological; it does not take up disputed religious issues; rather, it covers archeology and history from remote antiquity (5,000 B.C.) through early Roman imperial times, and, for Christianity (the Diaspora is barely mentioned), recounts developments up to A.D. 500. The book has been revised to cover the discovery and research since its first edition.

The student of society will find here, excellently summarized, the tremendous background created by the great nations and their clashes of empire—Babylonian, Egyptian, Assyrian, Hittite, Greek, Roman—in the midst of which Judah and Israel struggled for survival. The discussion is carefully reasoned and is along generally-accepted lines for the most part; although specialists in the subject would take issue with some of the conclusions (as they do with each other's). *Light from the Ancient East* is, on the whole, a valuable nontechnical survey of the historic bases upon which many of our beliefs, ways of thought, and forms of social and psychological organization were erected; it is an important contribution to the understanding of our world and of ourselves.

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Psychopathology. A Source Book. CHARLES F. REED, Ph.D., IRVING E. ALEXANDER, Ph.D., and SILVAN S. TOMKINS, Ph.D., editors. Introduction by ROBERT W. WHITE, Ph.D. 803 and xii pages, and index. Cloth. Harvard University Press. Cambridge, Mass. 1958. Price \$12.50.

In the review of this book in the April *PSYCHIATRIC QUARTERLY*, the second sentence read: "It consists of 46 *pages* selected from the psychological and psychiatric literature..." It should have read: "It consists of 46 *papers*..."

THE *QUARTERLY* regrets the error and expresses the hope that readers who noted in the headline that the book contains more than 800 pages were able to recognize what the parapraxis was when they first encountered it. The book is an important secondary text, providing readings from recent periodical literature, for students of abnormal psychology, and it is important that the range of its content be understood correctly.